

CLAIMS

Claims 1 through 3 (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) An information apparatus comprising:
- user-designated information acquiring means for acquiring sequential user-designated information which changes in accordance with time at a constant period or cycle, the acquired sequential information including information regarding selections made by a user;
- accuracy setting means for specifying accuracy setting information in response to user input, said accuracy setting information including a ratio of disclosure of the acquired sequential information to an external device; and
- information notifying means controlled according to the accuracy setting information specified by the accuracy setting means for transmitting log information which changes in accordance with time to the external device, said log information being obtained by restricting acquired sequential information according to the ratio of disclosure, further comprising:
- pseudo information generating means configured to generate pseudo user-designated information composed of the same format as user-designated information, wherein the pseudo user-designated information comprises at least some content to be regarded as user-designated information and at least some content that is different from the user-designated information,
- wherein a part of the acquired sequential information from the user-designated information acquiring means is replaced with the pseudo user-designated information according to the ratio of disclosure to form the log information.

5. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim [1] 4, further including:

storing means configured to store information, said stored information including at least one of part of the log information and the accuracy setting information,
wherein the information notifying means is configured to transmit the stored information to the external device.

6. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim [1] 4, wherein the user-designated information acquiring means acquires the user-designated information from external audio-visual (AV) devices respectively having AV function control means, which are independent of the information processing apparatus.

7. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim [1] 4, wherein the user-designated information acquiring means acquires user-designated information from a home appliance independent of the information processing apparatus.

8. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim [1] 4, wherein a method, for (a) receiving contents information, said contents information comprising both substantial information and contents selection information for specifying a method of playing back at least part of the substantial information and (b) playing back of the substantial information, is determined according to the contents selection information and the sequential user-designated information.

Claims 9 through 18 (Cancelled).